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ABSTRACT

This book is a comprehensive history of the Glade Valley School in Allegheny County, North Carolina. It is filled with letters, newspaper reports, first-hand accounts, and photographs that trace the lives of its students and faculty back to opening day in January 1911. The school's site was chosen in 1909 and was deemed favorable because it was near the center of four counties and close to a new railroad. When the school opened in 1911, it served a rural mountain area in desperate need of a good school. The school began with 73 students, and by 1913, enrollment climbed to 134. In the early years, the school provided elementary, secondary, and teacher education. Because the school was largely founded to help impoverished students, all boarding students worked on campus to help pay for their tuition. Chapters chronicle the school's early accomplishments, its trials during war and depression, and years of thriving during the 1960s. The school's curricula, schedules of classes, important events, and prominent teachers and administrators are detailed. An appendix contains a letter from Reverend W. F. Hollingsworth, first principal of the schcol, who describes it as the newest of the mountain schools established by the Presbyterian Church as a Home Missionary agency. Contains many references in notes, photographs, and an index. (CDS)

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